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I have been listening U2 a lot lately and I have been paying very close attention to the lyrics. Here I would like to analyze and opine about this lyrics from their well known song “Where the Streets have No Name”

**Where The Streets Have No Name**

Lyrics written by: Bono

I wanna run, I want to hide

I wanna tear down the walls

That hold me inside.

I wanna reach out

And touch the flame

Where the streets have no name.

I wanna feel sunlight on my face.

I see the dust-cloud

Disappear without a trace.

I wanna take shelter

From the poison rain

Where the streets have no name

Where the streets have no name

Where the streets have no name.

We’re still building and burning down love

Burning down love.

And when I go there

I go there with you

(It’s all I can do).

The city’s a flood, and our love turns to rust.

We’re beaten and blown by the wind

Trampled in dust.

I’ll show you a place

High on a desert plain

Where the streets have no name

Where the streets have no name

Where the streets have no name.

We’re still building and burning down love

Burning down love.

And when I go there

I go there with you

(It’s all I can do).

I believe the themes present in this song are liberty, hope and also elevation. The lyrics talk about a place “where the streets have no name” which is a like metaphor for all this themes. It represents a place where nothing is limited or restricted, where there are no divisions. This person as described in the first verse feels oppressed like a prisoner by his surroundings and wants to break free from his feelings of disillusion. He then also wants to take someone else, a person probably very special to him which will leave in harmony with him in that place. The poem contains an imagery that describes the place as harmonious and peaceful, a perfect place to live in. This is one of my favorite songs from any band. There are uses of many metaphors like “the walls” and “the poison rain” which are his feelings or surroundings oppressing him, “Touch the flame” which refers to be in the place. There are hyperboles like “building and burning down love” as such thing is impossible but expresses the love people have there. Another literary term found here is personification: “We’re beaten and blown by the wind”. The music with the lyrics really powerful penetrating into me and makes me feel like I’m on this place. It relaxes me and turns me into a good mood. I think that this place portrayed in the song is the place every person dreams with and aspires to be in, leaving in peace. This place could also be seen in many ways such as a spiritual place, a mental place, a geographic place, romantic place, or well it could be our world in a bright future where love and freedom finally reign among human beings.